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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On June 1, there were 19.6 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The June 1 inventory was up 200,000 from a year ago.

The March – May 2009 pig crop was 4.68 million head. A total of 485,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.65 pigs per sow.

As of June 1, producers planned to farrow 480,000 head of sows and gilts in the June – August 2009 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the September - November 2009 period were estimated at 480,000 as of June 1, 2009.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2009 was 66.1 million head. This was down 2 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2009 pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down slightly from 2008 but up 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 3 percent from 2008 and down 2 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the March-May 2009 period, compared to 9.38 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the June-August 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for September-November 2009, at 2.96 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2008 and down 7 percent from 2007.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 41 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, June 1, 2008-2009

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	Breeding				Market		Total		
State	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
IL	460	480	104	3,890	3,820	98	4,350	4,300	99
IA	1,080	1,020	94	18,320	18,580	101	19,400	19,600	101
MN	580	580	100	6,920	6,820	99	7,500	7,400	99
MO	380	345	91	2,720	2,655	98	3,100	3,000	97
NE	380	390	103	3,020	2,860	95	3,400	3,250	96
NC	1,020	990	97	9,080	8,610	95	10,100	9,600	95
US	6,131	5,967	97	61,269	60,112	98	67,400	66,079	98

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, June 1, 2008-2009

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-11	9 lbs.	120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
IL	1,400	1,360	990	1,030	850	790	650	640
IA	5,430	5,380	5,060	5,250	4,450	4,530	3,380	3,420
MN	2,660	2,660	1,760	1,760	1,470	1,370	1,030	1,030
MO	1,295	1,295	545	490	475	455	405	415
NE	1,120	1,060	810	750	650	630	440	420
NC	3,700	3,420	2,150	1,920	1,760	1,740	1,470	1,530
US	22,197	21,673	15,321	15,008	12,892	12,584	10,860	10,847

Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.